GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1766
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DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS IN A.P.
B.K. PARTHASARATHI;GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite being a major oilseeds producing State, the production of oilseeds in Andhra Pradesh has decreased considerably, during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) the reasons for decrease in the production; and

(d) what incentives the Government propose to give to motivate the farmers of Andhra Pradesh, to take up cultivation of oilseeds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The production of oilseeds in Andhra Pradesh during the last 3 years is as under:

in 000 tonnes

Year	Production
1999-2000	1375.2
2000-2001	2510.9
2001-2002	1613.4

The decrease in the production of oilseeds in the State has been due to severe drought conditions, which prevailed in the State during the last 3 years.

(d): The Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is being implemented in the State of Andhra Pradesh to increase the production of oilseeds. Under the Scheme various incentives by way of financial assistance are given for different activities in order to motivate the farmers to take up the cultivation of oilseeds on a large scale.